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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1632

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Examiner: K.M. Hauda

APPLICATION NO: 08/704,445

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FOR: Methods of Preventing Depletion of Non-Autologous Hematopoietic  
Cells and Animal Model System for Use Thereof

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the above-identified application was filed on September 10, 1999. The period for filing a Brief on Appeal has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 10, 1999. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a request for filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) of the above-identified application.

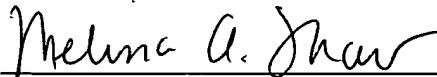
The above-noted application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the CPA, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the CPA be granted a filing date.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$1510 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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